to the State Governments/UT Administrations to facilitate setting up of Juvenile Justice Board in each distirct and to ensure their effective functioning.

Diversion of ICDS food

283. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the startling revelation made by Uttar Pradesh Government officials in the press in December, 2006 the nutritious food meant for children under the Integrated Child Development Services (lCDS) is being used illegally to fatten the cattle of rich and influential persons;

(b) if so, whether it is a major contributory factor for undernourishment of 52 per cent children of Uttar Pradesh, and 28 per cent of under-5 deaths in Uttar Pradesh out of 2.5 million such deaths annually in India; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to ensure that nutritious food under ICDS is not diverted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No such report has come to the notice of the State Government of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Notification of Rules under Juvenile Justice Act

284. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether necessary rules have been notified to make effective the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Amendment Act, 2006;

(b) if so, whether detailed guidelines have been issued to State Governments to initiate immediate action to constitute/recognize specialized adoption agencies, district-wise; and

(c) whether any monitoring mechanism at State/Central level would be set-up to oversee the functioning of new adoption procedures to achieve the envisaged objectives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The rules under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Amendment Act, 2006 are under preparation.

(b) Guidelines will be issued only after the Rules are finalized.

(c) Section 62A of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Act, 2006 provides, "Every State Government shall constitute a Child Protection Unit for the State and, such Units for every District, consisting of such officers and other employees as may be appointed by that Government, to take up matters relating to children in need of care and protection and juveniles in conflict with law with a view to ensure the implementation of this Act including the establishment and maintenance of homes, notification of competent authorities in relation to these children and their rehabilitation and co-ordination with various official and non official agencies concerned".